

SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Supervisor Greg Cox In the Coming Week

WHEN OVER 55 MEETS UNDER 5, THERE ARE "HIGH FIVES ALL AROUND"!

Join Supervisor Greg Cox to launch a countywide intergenerational partnership. Funded at the recommendation of Supervisor Cox by \$4 million dollars from the First 5 Commission over three years, intergenerational programs work to build on the knowledge and experience of caring mentors to support kids in learning and healthy development. Intergenerational programs connect volunteer mentors aged "over 55" with children "under 5," when the brain develops most dramatically.

Monday, February 23 at 8:30 am at the Joan Kroc Center, 6845 University Ave, San Diego

FUNDING THE FIGHT AGAINST GANGS

Supervisor Greg Cox will ask the Board to support the Gang Prevention and Effective Deterrence Act of 2003. Introduced by Senators Dianne Feinstein and Orrin Hatch, the bill could help finance the regional fight against gang violence by authorizing \$650 million over the next five years for law enforcement, intervention and prevention efforts. The bill also creates new criminal gang prosecution offenses, enhances existing penalties, and proposes a reform of the juvenile justice system to facilitate prosecution of 16 and 17 year old gang members.

Tuesday, February 24 at 9:00 am in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 310, San Diego

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